## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

*Leases for fishing.*

19. *Mr. **Thomas Chandy Mukkadan** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to state the number of divisions and sections into which the poramboke waters of this State are divided for the purpose of leasing out the right to catch fish; and

(*b*) to lay on the table a statement showing the area and the boundaries of each section and the name of the contractor, the amount of the contract and the duration of the lease?

**Dr. K. L. Moudgill** (*Ag. Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): (*a*) Two divisions, the northern division and the southern division.

There are 26 sections in the northern division and 5 sections in the southern division.

(*b*) A statement containing the information asked for is laid on the Secretary's table.

*Employees in the Government Press.*

20. *Mr. **Thomas Chandy Mukkadan**: Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to state

(i) the number of officers in the Government Press, and

(ii) the number of Syrian Catholics among them; and

(*b*) to lay on the table a statement showing the examination qualifications of the subordinate officers of the Government Press, the communities to which they belong, the dates of their appointments, the scale of pay of such officers when they were appointed, their present scale and pay?

**Dr. H. Parameswaran** (*Controller of Stationery and Printing*): (*a*) (i) 133 salaried employees.

(ii) One.

(*b*) A statement of the employees drawing above Rs. 15 is laid on the Secretary's table.

*Lane to the west of the Chief Post Office, Trivandrum.*

21. *Mr. **James Fletcher** (*Kaikulam and Vilavankod cum Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the lane to the west of the Chief Post Office, Trivandrum is too narrow for cart traffic; and

(*b*) whether any proceedings have been started for the acquisition of land for widening the lane?

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**Mr. I. C. Chacko** (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The work is estimated to cost about Rs. 45,000. As there is no chance of providing funds for such a costly work, in the immediate future, no further action has been taken.

*Rural Reconstruction Centres.*

22. ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of rural reconstruction centres opened so far ;

(*b*) the total expenditure incurred ; and

(*c*) the nature and the extent of work turned out till now ?

**Mr. A. Gopala Menon** (*President, Economic Development Board*) : (*a*) Government do not open rural reconstruction centres under their direct responsibility but, in the case of centres conducted by non-official agencies and carrying on satisfactory work, Government offer assistance by means of departmental services and advice as well as grants-in-aid through the Economic Development Board. In 1116, there were 20 centres recognised by the Economic Development Board.

(*b*) The total amount disbursed by the Economic Development Board by way of grants to rural reconstruction centres, in 1116, was Rs. 3,500. (Over and above this Government also give an annual grant of Rs. 3,000 to the Y. M. C. A. for their rural reconstruction work in Travancore).

(*c*) The work done by rural reconstruction centres is largely in the nature of demonstration and propaganda in respect of improved agricultural methods, cottage industries, village sanitation, co-operative sale, adult education, etc.

*Effects of the recent cyclone in Parur Taluk.*

23. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to lay on the table a statement showing :—

(i) the total acreage of land in Parur taluk under cocoanut cultivation,

(ii) the number of cocoanut trees completely destroyed by the cyclone of Edavam 1116,

(iii) the total number of existing trees which have been affected by the cyclone, and

(iv) the average maximum income derivable from a bearing cocoanut tree in the said taluk ; and

* The member was absent.

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